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Intruder injured after entering home

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

When a Minden woman went to answer the door last week, she thought she was letting in a friend.

Instead, it was an intruder.

Police say a 63-year-old woman was inside a friend's St. Germaine Street home in the early evening hours of March 3 when a man came knocking at the door.

Mistakenly thinking she knew the man, police say the woman invited him into the home. When the woman realized she did not know the man, she asked him to leave, but he refused, police said.

A confrontation occurred. Police said the suspect received a cut to his hand before fleeing the home.

The woman was not injured during the incident.

The OPP Canine Unit and the force's Central Region Emergency Response Team were able to locate the suspect a short while later in Minden's downtown.

A 45-year-old Whitney man has been charged with breaking and entering and violating probation. OPP spokesman Const. Mark McMaster was unsure of what the probation had been for.



Matt James/TIMES

A season to remember

Pee Wee Highland Storm goaltender Brayden Frost and defender Julia Fedeski react as the Tavistock Titans apply pressure in game four of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-final series in Minden. It was a do-or-die situation for the Storm. See page 15 for the full story.

Johnson already looking ahead to 2011

by PEGGY ARMSTRONG
Sun Media

Newly elected Liberal MPP Rick Johnson knows that numbers speak. One of his biggest challenges before the 2011 general election will be reaching the voters who stayed away from the polls last Thursday in the historic byelection in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

In the tight race that saw him topple Progressive Conservative leader John Tory, 13,191 fewer voters went to the polls than in the general election in 2007.



CHAD INGRAM/Echo

New MPP Rick Johnson was touched by the enthusiasm of his supporters at Thursday night's victory party.

While Johnson won 1,158 more votes than he got in 2007, Tory received almost 10,000 fewer votes than Laurie Scott when she won in 2007.

"They stayed home," Johnson said from his home near Pontypool on Sunday. He ascribed it partly to voter fatigue after a federal election last fall. "People are tired of it." And, he added, "it was unnecessary."

He also said staunch Conservatives were likely angry with Scott's decision to resign her seat for Tory and refused to vote. His aim now is to

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HE'S BACK

Dawson Hamilton is thrilled to be back home in Minden.

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IN BRIEF

A number of local businesses and organizations are nominated in the annual Chamber of Commerce business and community service awards. Walt McKechnie, Bob Nichol and Jack Brezina have been nominated for Highlander of the Year. The gala is March 21. To see the full list of nominees, go to www.hhchamber.on.ca.

IN QUOTES

"One task at a time. I can't tell yet."

Former MPP Laurie Scott on whether she'll run again.
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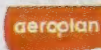
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Are you looking for children's activities during March break? Pottery, painting, jewellery and basket making, and drumming are being offered as half-day courses at various locations in the county.

To learn more about the courses contact Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, the Art Hive in Stanhope, Rail's End Gallery and Fleming College in Haliburton.

Funding is available through Sissy's Love Connection, a fund established to recognize the contributions of Janice Crawford, a Haliburton County resident who died in October 2008 from cancer.

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Library fun

This March break visit your local library branch for some reading fun. For every book a child reads to an adult, or vice versa, they receive a colouring sheet. Detach the ballot on the colouring sheet and enter to win a children's book. There's one prize per library branch but you can enter as often as you wish.

OPP correction on drug charges

The OPP has issued a correction to its press release about five men who were charged with various drug offences in Minden Hills. Two of the men, both from Minden Hills, have been charged with possession of marijuana, not possession with the purpose of trafficking.

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Haliburton Highlands Time and Times Network is holding a workshop on maple sugaring on March 21. Explore the methods of production and processing and the variety of products made from maple syrup and more.

The workshop includes an interactive tour by a maple producer. If needed, an educational lecture on maple syrup production and processing. The workshop is open to all ages and is free of charge. Space is limited. Register by March 18. For more information, contact: 705-430-4343 or info@highlandstimes.com or visit: www.highlandstimes.com

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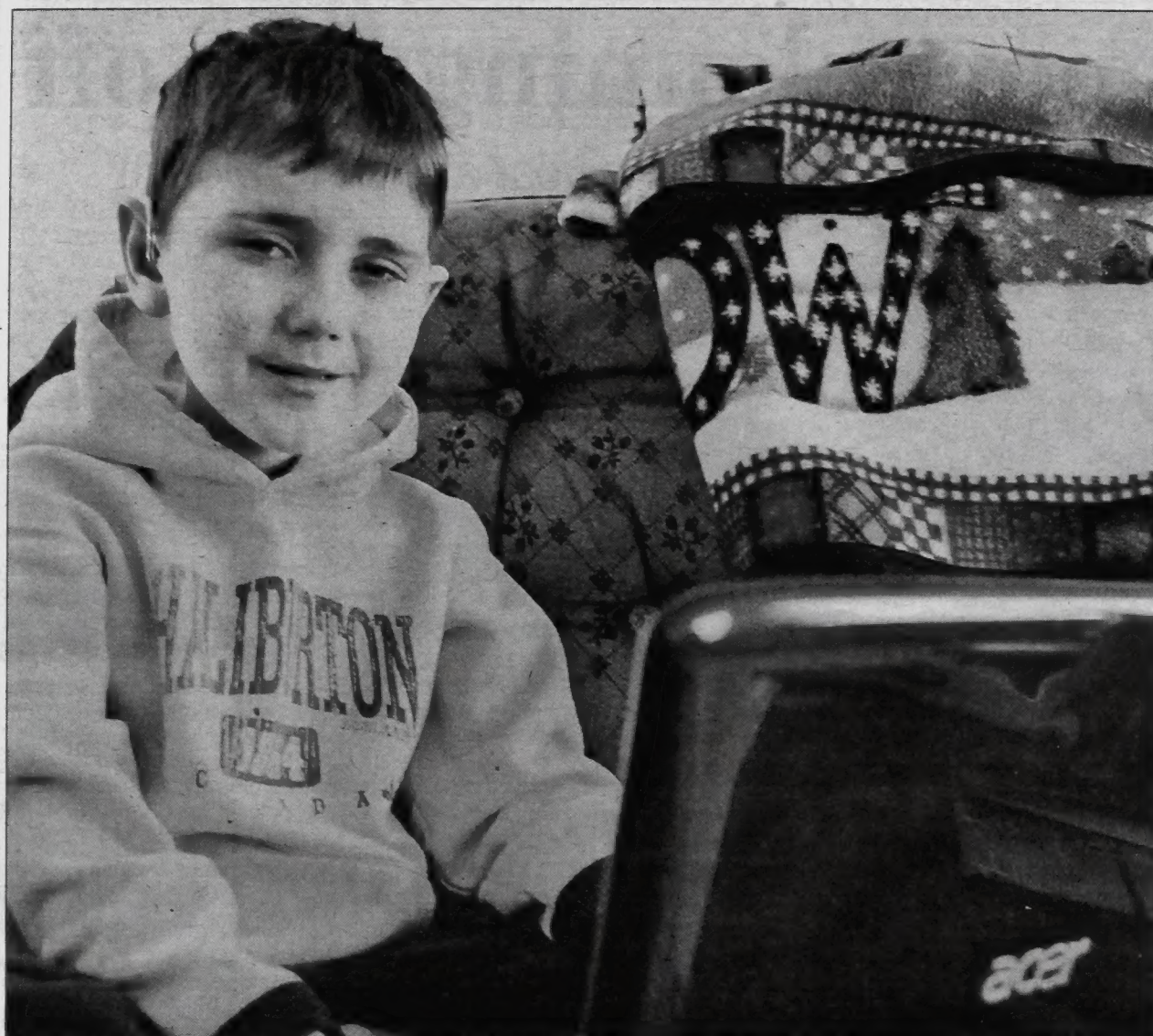


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- Haliburton Geothermal wins 3 major awards
- Bowling and cards scores

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Nine-year-old Dawson Hamilton is back home and in school after spending most of four years at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. He's looking forward to playing his favourite sport - hockey - and swimming in the summer.

Dawson back in school

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

For the first time in nearly four years, Dawson Hamilton is back attending classes at Archie Stouffer Elementary school.

Since the spring of 2005, Dawson has spent most of his time in Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and a nearby Ronald McDonald House.

Diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia - a rare form of cancer affecting the blood cells - when he was just five and acute lymphonic leukemia when he was six, Dawson underwent transplants, chemotherapy and even full-body radiation to purge the cancer from his body.

While his illness has been in remission for the past two years, until last week Dawson had remained in Toronto as his body recovered from his treatments and large amounts of medication.

So, how does it feel to be back at school after all this time?

"It's okay," Dawson replies with the typical ambivalence of a nine-year-old boy.

Seated on a couch inside his father's Minden townhouse, he's punching away at a calculator and a laptop computer and appears to be much more interested in these devices than the questions being thrown his way.

"I think he's glad to be back around his friends," his father, Scot, pipes up.

Dawson nods in agreement as he fidgets with two, blue hearing aids.

Complications from medication have damaged his inner ears and left him hard of hearing.

His Grade 3 classmates at Archie Stouffer have been quite

inquisitive of Dawson since his return to class last week.

"The kids had lots of lots of questions," Scot says, adding that last week a nurse visited Dawson's class and the class of his older brother, Tanner, to answer questions students might have had about cancer or Dawson's particular battle.

While Dawson has gotten used to receiving his education through a tutor, he seems happy to back at school, where his favourite subject is math.

He's also happy to be back at home.

"I can do more stuff," he says.

Like what?

"Sports... hockey."

It's nearly 4 p.m. and Dawson is beginning to look tired, but his eyes light up as soon as he mentions his favourite sport.

And his experience has allowed him to meet some of the players, past and present, from his favourite NHL team - the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"That's a picture Tie Domi gave me," Dawson says proudly, pointing to an autographed picture of the retired Toronto forward hanging on a wall in the family's room.

He's also met Doug Gilmour, Wendel Clarke and Jason Blake, a Leafs left-winger who has also battled chronic myeloid leukemia.

"Jason spent a lot of time with Dawson," Scot says.

Local hockey heroes Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene have also visited Dawson on numerous occasions, taking him to OHL games.

This summer Dawson hopes to go swimming in his uncle's pool for the first time in a long time and work on his guitar playing.

He will be returning to Toronto for monthly checkups.

Family gets dreaded answer

Remains found near Coboconk that of 18-year-old Noelville man

by IAN ROBERTSON
Sun Media

For the second time in three years, forensic science has given a family the dreaded answer to a loved one's disappearance.

This time it took place more than 40 years after the body was found.

On Monday, the Ontario Provincial Police revealed that the skeletal, unclothed remains of a young man found by a hunter near Coboconk in December, 1967 were those of Eric Jones, 18, of Noelville, near Sudbury.

Jones, who moved to Toronto and was living with an aunt on Howard St., is believed by investigators to have been one of five young men abducted, tied up, sexually assaulted and murdered.

One of two victims picked up in Toronto by a later-convicted "sexual predator" survived, Det. Insp. Dave Quigley told reporters.

He said OPP investigators have spoken to the 72-year-old convict, who is in a B.C. jail because of the "similarities" between the Jones case, that of previously-identified victim Richard Hovey, an unidentified skeleton found in Markham in 1980, a youth found murdered in Toronto and the lone survivor.

No details of those interviews were revealed.

Detectives believe there are links because of the areas where the three skeletons were found, the lack of clothing, presence of bindings, age of the victims and their similar slight physical appearances, Quigley said.

Jones was identified after his sister saw a facial reconstruction of his skull on a recent CTV program, W5, he said.

Quigley said the murdered teen's parents are dead, but 10 siblings and the aunt he lived with are alive.

"They are dealing with a loss 42 years later - as if it happened today," the OPP cold case unit boss said, expressing condolences on behalf of the force.

Police are convinced "this is a murder."

Hovey, whose remains were found in a similar manner near Schomberg in May 1968, with his hands tied by shoelaces, was identified after a police new conference that displayed his facial reconstruction three years ago.

Hovey's identities were confirmed by DNA.

"We are starting the Jones homicide investigation as if it happened today," Quigley added, appealing for public help from anyone who knew the victim and his habits four decades ago.

The OPP and York Regional Police reopened the cases in 2006.

The provincial government has posted a \$50,000 reward in for information leading to the arrest of the responsible for the murder.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-8477.

Stanhope airport planning lifts off

"These are the kinds of questions I've been asking for a year and half": Moffatt

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors started the planning process for the expansion of the Stanhope Airport at a meeting on March 5.

The township learned last month that the provincial and federal governments will pay for two-thirds of the estimated \$3.5-million project, which will see a 1,220-metre crosswinds runway built at the airport.

"Council needs to make several decisions or at least get started on some decisions," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison at the beginning of a conversation that would last for nearly two hours.

The township's chief administrative officer, Lorne Mitchell, suggested that council start by looking at the issues of financing and tenders and create a format outlining the way it wants to proceed.

Mitchell also suggested that council hire an engineering company to oversee the project and said either that company or a contracted project co-ordinator could act as liaison between council and the public.

"We might consider using an advisory committee," Mitchell continued, suggesting the creation of a group that would include members of council, planning and building staff, business owners and members of the public to oversee the direction of the project.

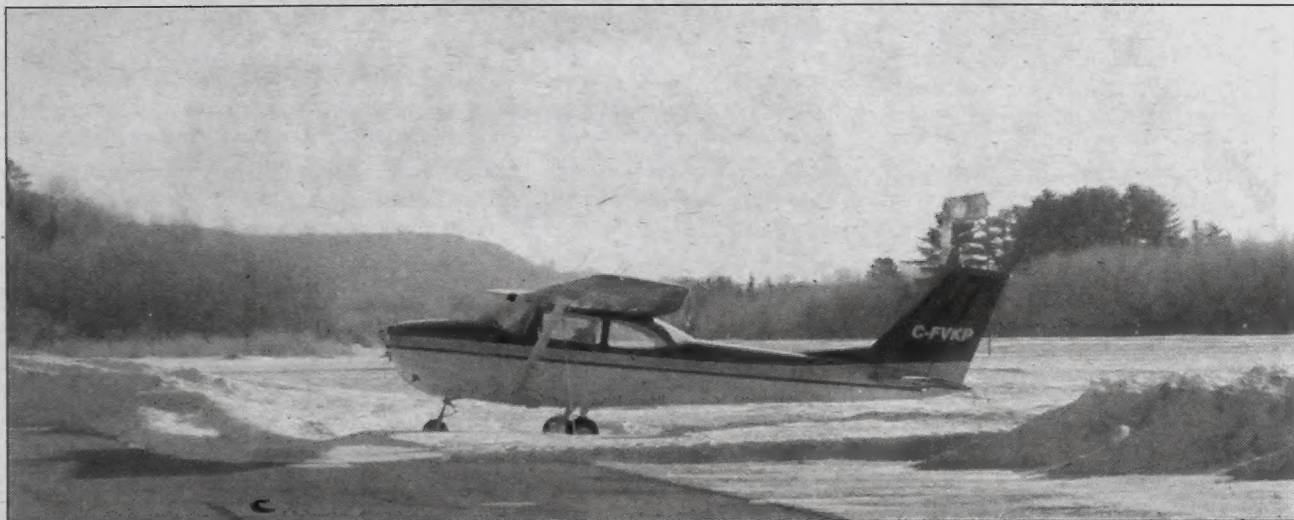
"This might be an opportunity for council to envision a dream for the property," Mitchell said.

"I think we need to take one thing at a time," said Harrison. "I would like the monetary issue out of the road."

Mitchell said the township could look to municipal borrowing organizations, bank loans or debentures from other sources for the \$1.2 million the township will require as its share of the total cost.

"Those are all appropriate means," he said.

On Mitchell's suggestion, councillors passed a motion instructing the township's treasurer to investigate the most efficient means of borrowing the money and to provide council with a suggestion and a prepared bylaw at its next



On March 5, council talked about planning issues for the Stanhope Airport. One issue was whether an engineering company is needed to oversee the project.

meeting.

"Where do we stand with the environmental assessment on this?" asked Councillor Don Shortreed.

While Harrison said the engineering firm that completed the preliminary design study for the project had indicated that its environmental assessment would suffice, Mitchell said that, because the project is using funds from the federal government, the feds would likely demand some sort of specific environmental assessment.

However, because the runway is not planned to exceed 1,500 metres, Mitchell said the project would likely be exempt from a "comprehensive" environmental assessment, "but there will be some kind of environmental screening."

Meanwhile, the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lake Areas Property Owners' Association has sent a letter to Ontario's energy and infrastructure minister, requesting that the project be subject to a full environmental assessment.

The association has been a vocal opponent of the project, arguing it will bring no benefit to local people.

After a considerable amount of discussion, councillors

decided to hire consulting company Richardson Foster Ltd., the company that completed the original design for the expansion, to oversee the project.

"I think it would be wasting money by going with another engineer at this time," Harrison said, adding that the company who completed the design would best be able to ensure it is completed properly.

Councillor Carol Moffatt, said she was uncomfortable with the way the process was unfolding and was the only councillor to vote against putting the company in charge.

Harrison also suggested that council look at hiring a project co-ordinator to deal with public issues, saying it was unfair to dump that responsibility on Mitchell.

Moffatt noted this was an unbudgeted expense.

"These are the kinds of questions I've been asking for a year and half," a clearly agitated Moffatt said. "I think that's really, really poor planning."

Harrison said from now on, meetings of council will likely conclude with a discussion on the airport project.

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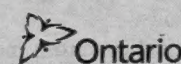
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Can't see the runway for the trees? – then chop them down

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is not quite it of the woods when it comes the expansion of the Stanhope airport. While the township has received funding from the provincial and federal governments for the addition of a crosswind runway at the site, there are a number of large trees on lands surrounding the airport property that must be topped in order to accommodate the new runway. While some of these trees are located on Crown land, a number are

located on private properties in the vicinity of the airport.

George Claridge owns 27 acres of land adjacent to the Heat Line business located on the airport property.

A manager in a forestry management program, Claridge said there are 12 trees on his property that the township has deemed must be topped.

In some cases, as much as 13 metres need to be removed from the trees, he said.

While Claridge said the township's chief administrative officer Lorne Mitchell and Reeve Eleanor Harrison came to visit

him in August about the prospect of topping his trees, he told them, "Thanks, but no thanks."

"We weren't too keen on it because we weren't in favour of the new runway," Claridge said.

However, there is a legal process whereby the municipality can essentially force expropriation of land containing the problematic trees.

"There has been expropriation around here before," Claridge said. "We wouldn't be too pleased if that happened, but it would be up to the municipality."

Harrison said she hopes it won't come to that.

"I'd prefer to talk to people," Harrison said, adding that the township would be willing to remove the trees completely and replace them with smaller ones.

"If the tree was a shade tree, we'd replace it with a smaller shade tree," she said.

Harrison said she thought there were two or three private properties where trees needed to be removed.

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owner's Association attest there are at least three, and perhaps as many as five.

If the township does have to pur-

sue a legal process to top the trees, Harrison said she was unsure of what the cost might be and didn't want to guess.

"You're almost a little ahead of us," she said. "We'll have to figure out how this does take place. We're at the very beginning here."

Harrison said planning discussions for the airport project will become a regular part of council meetings.

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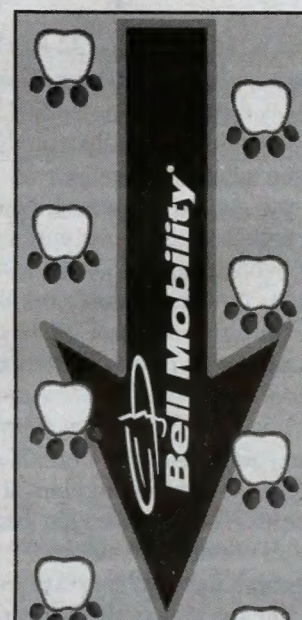
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The people have spoken

SO, THE MUCH-TALKED-ABOUT PROVINCIAL BYELECTION is over and the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock have chosen Liberal Rick Johnson as the riding's new MPP.

But last week's byelection did more than put a new representative for this riding in Queen's Park.

It put a microscope on the people of this constituency and provided an insight into our collective character and thought process.

So what exactly does the result of the March 5 byelection say about the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock?

A couple of things.

First, it says that a majority of voters here prioritize person over party, individual over ideology.

While the PC party has represented this riding in Queen's Park for the past 15 years, popular MPPs Chris Hodgson and Laurie Scott were both local, small-town people with strong and longstanding connections to their communities.

Johnson emphasized his localness throughout the campaign and it obviously caught people's attention.

Second, the results of last week's byelection imply that the voters of this riding do not like the idea or the appearance that they are being used as political pawns for the gain of an individual or party.

While Scott seemed to genuinely believe her decision to step down and allow John Tory a shot at the riding would be good for the riding itself, many locals didn't see things her way.

Angry letters flooded local newspapers expressing feelings of disappointment and abandonment at Scott's decision and some even implied that the move was for her own self-interest, the result of some backroom deal.

In fact, one could argue that many voters who supported Johnson were not necessarily voting for Johnson, but, more accurately, voting against Tory and in essence against Scott's decision.

While Johnson beat Tory by less than 1,000 votes, in the 2007 election, Scott hammered Johnson by about 10,000.

It would seem that many of the people who supported Scott in that last election supported Johnson this time around and the almost inevitable conclusion is that people here were trying to send Scott a message.

High flying

After just a couple of hours of planning discussions, the expansion of the Stanhope Airport is already on course to fly over-budget.

At their meeting on March 5, Algonquin Highlands councillors discussed the likely need for a project co-ordinator to oversee the estimated \$3.5 million project and act as liaison with the public.

The costs of hiring such an individual were not incorporated into the budget for the project, a fact that angered Councillor Carol Moffatt.

It has also surfaced that the township will need to top several trees in the area and that this work may first require a complicated legal process.

While the township's reeve is unsure of how much this might cost, rest assured it will be expensive.

Chad Ingram

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No second fiddle here

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

I want bus service

To the Editor:

I moved here a few months ago after my marriage blew up. I live in my mother's house, which had been basically abandoned for three to four years. I have no car, no driver's licence – I lived in Toronto and didn't need them.

So tell me: What is the point of prattling on about new jobs when I have no way to get there? I live 12 km from Minden, 18 from Kinmount, and 22 from Haliburton and I spend \$100 to \$120 on taxi fare to go to town twice a month.

And to those saying it wouldn't be prof-

itable to start a small bus run, I have one question: "When was the last time the TTC made a profit?"

Thousands and thousands for a minor hockey change room? – No problem!

A few thousand offset by fares from paying passengers for a bus route? – Oh, no, no – no, can't be doing that!

I'm starting to have second thoughts about how "great" country life is – seems now it's a rich person's hobby, especially considering the retarded prices demanded for wood.

Silja Hare
Minden

We should be more pushy

To the Editor:

I am trying to understand why Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and CAO Lorne Mitchell are pushing so hard for the proposed new highway at Stanhope.

In a vote to apply for Build Canada funding, councillors voted two for and two against. Reeve Harrison cast the deciding vote so the motion would not be defeated.

The application, in my opinion, failed to satisfy a number of conditions demanded by Build Canada, and should not even have been considered.

In the economic panic, Build Canada waved aside all conditions and approved every project application everywhere.

So the folly is still alive.

With zero support from the other three municipalities in Haliburton County, and with the great opposition voiced by ratepayers and echoed in the local press, they continue to push.

I sit at council meetings and watch them push the project.

Now they want individual private property owners to give them signed permission to cut down trees on that private property.

They will push onto the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands (alone), the burden of paying back the Algonquin Highlands \$1.3 million – plus interest share of construction costs (with no mention of the inevitable cost overruns) for the next 20 years and the burden of the annual operating deficits forever.

The intent of Building Canada funding is to provide for essential public services for the residents of the municipality versus private development.

With Build Canada money, Minden Hills will build a new water tower which will benefit all residents of that municipality. Dysart will repair the Pine Lake bridge and roads which will benefit all residents of that municipality.

With Build Canada money, Reeve Harrison and CAO Mitchell are pushing a new runway project which will benefit, certainly not most of the residents of Algonquin Highlands, or the County of Haliburton.

If ratepayers will not use the proposed new runway and do not want to be pushed into paying for it, they should call the reeve and the CAO and push back.

Tom Fitzsimmons
Barry Line Road

IN OTHER WORDS Columns and Letters to the Editor

Ups and downs

JUST LAST WEEK an Australian couple woke to a kangaroo jumping on their bed and, I've got to be honest, I'm more than a little envious. No doubt you are too.

Hey, it's only natural. Having a kangaroo bouncing in your bed is one of those cliché fantasies that every normal person secretly dreams about over and over and over again. Right? Oh come on! Admit it! Powerful legs, huge feet, floppy ears, and a long tail and pouch – it's got all the ingredients of your classic bedroom fantasy.

Oh, I know that we as a society rarely speak of our desperate longing to have a kangaroo jumping on our beds. For some reason, we have been taught to repress these wholesome, wholly natural urges. But you and I know that it's always there, simmering slowly beneath the surface.

Sure, we're allowed to dream and even sing about monkeys jumping on the bed. But, even

then, by the time the song is done there are none left. Doctor's orders.

Ah, but kangaroos. Sweet, forbidden, bouncing kangaroos....

Personally, I know I would feel a little intimidated at first. I mean, this is a real life kangaroo we're talking about, not just your wife in that suit anymore.

I'm not unrealistic. I know this kind of thing only happens to other people. I've accepted that it will never happen to me. I project a palpable desperation when it comes to kangaroos. I try too hard with the small talk. How many times are you going to ask them to take a leap of faith?

In Ontario, we aren't that fortunate anyhow. The best we can hope for is a moose, which, you'll admit, is a far sight less exotic,

especially since they are awful at bouncing.

Yes, I missed the boat on that kangaroo train. But that doesn't stop me from dreaming, or using awkwardly mixed metaphors.

In my fantasy, I'm a travelling eucalyptus salesman somewhere south of Canberra. It's a hot, sticky, Australian night. I've just finished flushing the toilet and I'm no

longer impressed by the way the Corealis effect works in the southern hemisphere.

So I decide to go to bed. Suddenly, I hear a knock at the door. It's more of a thump actually.

I open the door and mutter, "Strueth!"

There, standing before me

in all her glory, is Skippy. That's right, Skippy from the Melbourne trampoline contest.

"Skippy," I mutter, as my eyes wander up and down her lanky frame, "I always knew we'd meet again."

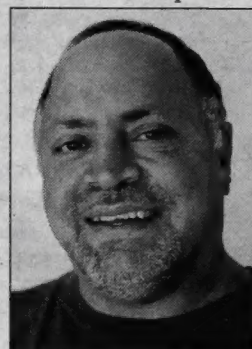
Suddenly, memories of Crocodile Dundee, Gallipoli, and Roger Whittaker come flooding back. I try to resist, but before I know it, we hit the sack with our feet. I'm bouncing wildly on a freshly made bed, just like the old times; Skippy is right beside me.... We both touch the ceiling and giggle uncontrollably....

Perhaps, I've revealed too much.

Anyhow, I'm not sure what that couple in Australia was thinking when they woke. No doubt, this sort of thing happens all the time over there.

Maybe, but I bet that no matter how many times it happens, it is still a roo'd awakening.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The days before high-speed

THE OWNERS of the Dysart Municipal Telephone System who packed the Legion hall in Haliburton one night in 1967 would never have classed themselves as socialists.

They were farmers and loggers and tradesmen, honest working men and independent thinkers who owned the business that served them, which still sounds like socialism to me, but capitalism triumphed that night.

The vote in favour of the takeover by Bell Telephone was lopsided, according to Mike Newell of Gelert, possibly the last survivor of an earlier 1957 merger that brought the independent Minden and Stanhope companies under the Dysart umbrella.

With folks today clamouring for high-speed Internet service, it's easy to forget that 50 years ago, big chunks of Haliburton County had no telephone service at all and much of what it did have was cobbled together.

Kennis Lake and Harcourt Park each had a single public radio phone connecting them to the outside world and the Dysart system lacked the resources to extend its lines to feed the cottage boom.

According to Nila Reynolds's *In Quest of Yesterday*, Minden had

the first telephone in the county but merchant Eugene Hollefreund's system linked only his store, his home and his furniture factory on what is now Invergordon Street.

Community telephone companies began popping up in Haliburton in the early twenties, a full 15 years after the phone came to Norland, just over the county line. Stanhope was first, but Minden and Haliburton village (Dysart) were up and running soon after and there was a long-distance link to the outside world by 1925.

Each community-owned system had its own operator and switchboard. Switching buildings in each hamlet evolved into the tiny exchanges that clutter the Haliburton Highlands section of the phonebook.

The pre-merger Dysart company expanded to cover Gooderham, Wilberforce and Donald, as well as part of West Guilford. The parts of the southwestern corner of the county now served by the 454 and 488 exchanges belonged to the

Burnt River Telephone Company.

The Stanhope, Dysart and Minden companies were owned by subscribers who acquired that status by paying to have a line

extended to their homestead, but some latecomers were merely renters.

For most of pre-Bell history, Haliburton's telephones were wall-hung wooden boxes on a party line shared with perhaps as many as 10 other users.

In Gooderham, 20 tele-

phones shared a single line, which must have been awkward because a party line could accommodate only one user at a time. You turned a crank on the side of the phone to call a neighbour – one long, say, and two short. You pushed a button on the side of the phone to reach somebody on another party line; an operator made the connection.

A party line was open to everybody on it all the time and everybody on the line could hear a neighbour's ring and pick

up to listen in. Reynolds writes that a Minden man was such a persistent eavesdropper that callers used to greet him before they began their conversation.

After the 1957 amalgamation, the Dysart system began switching from the old wooden phones to new plastic sets. There still was no rotary dial; you picked up the phone and asked the operator for your number.

The Stanhope system was in disarray by the time the 1957 merger took place. In the other two systems, villagers subsidized the widely-scattered rural customers, but Stanhope has no villages. Newell says many of the Stanhope lines had fallen off the poles and lay on the ground, where they worked well enough unless it rained.

Rural lines around Minden travelled cross-country so repairmen like Newell had to walk through the fields and woods, carrying all their tools, to get to a trouble spot. One early line linked Minden to Lochlin through Ingoldsby.

When Bell took over, change came in a rush. Dial service raced across the county, the old switchboards disappeared and the old phones were turned into scrap.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. 07-30
Applicant - **Stephen and Kathy BITOVE**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8890, registered January 26, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection at the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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Planning Administrator

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 12 COTW, Council Chambers 9AM
March 16 March Break Culture Club
March 20 Tax due date
March 26 Council, Council Chambers 9AM
March 27 Cultural Centre will be closed
April 1 Museum Stamp Launch-Museum Grounds
April 3 Cemetery Board Meeting at Community Centre 10:00 AM
July 10-12 Haliburton County Sportsman Show

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Tax Rate for 2009

2009 rate will be .00332717

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FRIDAY 1-3:30 - Open Games

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is given that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills at their meeting of March 26th, 2009 will be considering the following by-laws:

- To adopt the Cemetery Board Budget
- A Comprehensive Fees & Charges By-law
- Fee for Water Service - Minden
- Fee for Sewage Service - Minden
- Lutterworth Pines Water Service

The Council meeting will be held at 7 Milne Street, Minden, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

For further information please contact the Clerk at 286-1260 ext. 214 or cmccarroll@mindenhills.ca

Thank you to all those who participated in TV Turn OFF!!!

Because of the participation level we will be extending TV TURN OFF for the month of March excluding the MARCH BREAK

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The 2009 Interim Tax Bills were mailed on February 27th. Please ensure your civic (9-1-1) address is included in the mailing address portion of your bill to avoid return of mail by the post office. You can advise us by phone, fax or email admin@mindenhills.ca of your civic address to avoid problems in the future.

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March 5 - 28

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Scott says she would do it again

by PEGGY ARMSTRONG
Special to the Times

If she had to do it over again, Laurie Scott would make the same choice she did that cost her a seat in the Ontario legislature as the local MPP.

"Did you meet Mr. Tory?" she asked rhetorically, in regard to former Progressive Conservative leader John Tory. "He was the right man. He should have been Premier."

"It's very sad," she said of the byelection results. Liberal Rick Johnson defeated Tory in a close race, which led to him resigning as provincial PC leader.

"The real winner is Dalton McGuinty," she said, adding that the Premier won't have any real opposition while the conservatives rebuild.

She said she remains the party elections readiness chair and will be involved in the next leadership convention, possibly to be held in June. "My focus is the party," she said over the telephone. She said she was in the riding, but wasn't more specific.

Asked whether she thinks she might run again in 2011, she replied, "One task at a time. I can't tell yet."

She said the voters are always right, but their rejection of Tory was a loss for the community. "It was an opportunity available to them to seize."

CLIFFORD SKARDSTEDT/Special to the Times



PC candidate John Tory leaves the Olympia Restaurant with his wife Thursday, followed by Laurie Scott and Tory's son. Scott gave up her seat to allow Tory to run for the seat. He lost to Liberal Rick Johnson.

The Results

Rick Johnson, Liberal – 15,482 votes, 43.72%
John Tory, PC – 14,576 votes, 41.17%
Mike Schreiner, Green – 2,352, 6.64%
Lyn Edwards, NDP – 2,117, 5.98%

Jason Taylor, Independent – 320, .9%
Jake Pothaar, Family Coalition – 258, .73%
Bill Denby, Freedom – 140, .4%
John Turmel, Independent – 92, .26%
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Saturday, March 21, 2009 1-4pm
Fleming College, Haliburton Campus,
The Great Hall

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1:15-2:00pm – Keynote Speaker - Peter Schleifenbaum, Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.
Research in the Wilderness - What Haliburton has to tell the world!

2:30-3:00pm – Social Determinants of Health Community Forum
Presentation by Morgan Yates, Nursing Student, Trent University.

2:00-4:00pm – Network with researchers and community developers, view the poster displays of this year's student research projects as well as others presented by organizations within our community and enjoy refreshments!

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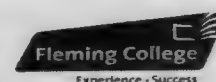
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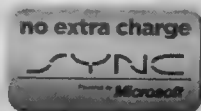


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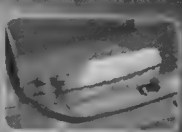
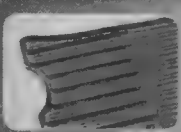
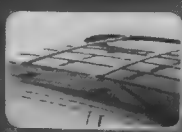
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Public money denied for Fader Drive

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

Public money will not be going towards the maintenance of private roads in Algonquin Highlands any time in the near future.

At a meeting on March 5, councillors denied a request from a Fader Drive resident for a grant to help residents with the maintenance cost of the road.

Long-time resident Art Wall told councillors that he and other property owners in the area would like a small grant of maybe \$1,000 to help with the maintenance of Fader Drive, which he said currently costs the neighbourhood between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a year.

While councillors agreed that the request was not for much money, the idea of providing public funds for the upkeep of a private road made all councillors uncomfortable.

"How do public funds on a private road affect our liability?" asked Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "We'd have to look at it. And I have no idea what it would do to our budget."

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner was adamantly opposed to the concept.

"We'd have no control over it how it's being spent," Gardner said. "We'd just have no control over it."

Wall said he could provide council with financial statements for snow clearing and surface maintenance, but councillors weren't biting.

There was also discussion over the issue of fairness, with Harrison saying that if council approved a grant for the residents of Fader Drive, homeowners from the township's several other private roads would quickly come calling for grants of their own.

"You can't treat individuals in a municipality differently," Harrison told Wall. "You just can't."

Councillors informed Wall that there is a process by which he could apply for the township to assume the road, but Wall wasn't interested.

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Hawks wrestling history

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

This year's Red Hawks team gave Haliburton Highlands Secondary School its highest OFSAA ranking in wrestling in school history.

The two-day tournament in Brampton on March 7 featured more than 800 of the best high school wrestlers in the province. Grade 12 wrestler Christianna Walker went 5-1 in her matches to get to the bronze medal. In her medal-winning match, Christianna managed to score a few points early but in the end her opponent's defense was too strong and she settled for a fourth place finish. "Christianna represented HHSS with grit and desire to win," says coach Paul Klose. Also representing the Red Hawks at OFSAA were COSSA finalists Mike Mazara, Cody Griffin, Karl Kadwell, Justin Bain, Nicole Mazara, and Mikaela Charlebois. Juniors Mike Mazara and Mikaela Charlebois posted 1-2 records against senior competitors and Nicole Mazara and Cody Griffin competed hard in extremely competitive weight classes but were unable to advance.

After losing their first matches Justin Bain



Christianna Walker, left, stands proudly at the number four position on the podium with the Red Hawks highest-ever OFSAA wrestling win.
Photo by Paul Klose

and Karl Kadwell moved to the consolidation side and ranked among the top 12 in the province.

Klose and fellow coach Dan Fockler were very proud of the effort put forward by the Red Hawks wrestlers and look forward to next season. Klose said that while several Red Hawks seniors are graduating and leaving a young team behind, a handful of successful seniors will help lead the way next year.

Grade 9 and 10 students are encouraged to try out for the team next year to help carry on the Red Hawks' winning tradition.

Notice to Truckers – 2009 Spring Load Restrictions

Under the *Highway Traffic Act*, the province enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect Ontario's highways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

As outlined in the *Highway Traffic Act*, reduced loading will be in effect in the **Huntsville District** of the Ministry of Transportation effective **12:01 a.m. on March 16, 2009**.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any highways during the Reduced Loads Period.

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Girls' snowboarding team takes third at OFSAA

The following are brief sports reports from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Thursday, February 26

The Red Hawk snowboarders were successful at the COSSA competition, with the boys' and girls' teams finishing first and third respectively. Overall individual places were: Arian Boots - 2nd, Christiana Walker - 3rd, Alex Muenzel - 4th, and Tiffany vanLieShout - 7th. Madison Rallis - 1st, Jeff Fennell - 4th, Brett Hicks - 5th, and Alex Vassos - 7th.

The Nordic ski team competed well at OFSAA in Midland, with each skier placing in the top half of the best skiers in the province. Joshua Wright had the best result, placing 32nd out of over 150 skiers.

Wednesday, March 4

At the OFSAA snowboarding competition the girls' team finished third overall. Individually, Alex Muenzel finished 9th, Christianna Walker finished 13th, Arian Boots finished 25th, Holly Wu finished 93, and Tiffany van Lieshout finished 97, out of more than 140 competitors.

The boys' team did not place. Individually Madison Rallis finished third overall out of 180 competitors. Other rankings were Brett Hicks 27, Jeff Fennell 65, Alex Vassos 68, Mark Perecko 75.

Go east!

Red Hawk wrestlers to represent Team Ontario in New Brunswick competition

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

After earning medals at the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association provincial championships in early February, three Haliburton County wrestlers have decided to represent Team Ontario at the Canadian Wrestling Championships in Fredericton, N.B. on April 1.

As members of the Haliburton Wrestling Club, outside of their high school wrestling team, Minden residents Mikaela Charlebois and Tara O'Sullivan, and Gooderham's Zane Zondervan are packing their gear and hitting the road with their coach Paul Klose for the 1,300-kilometre drive east to compete against the best in Canada.

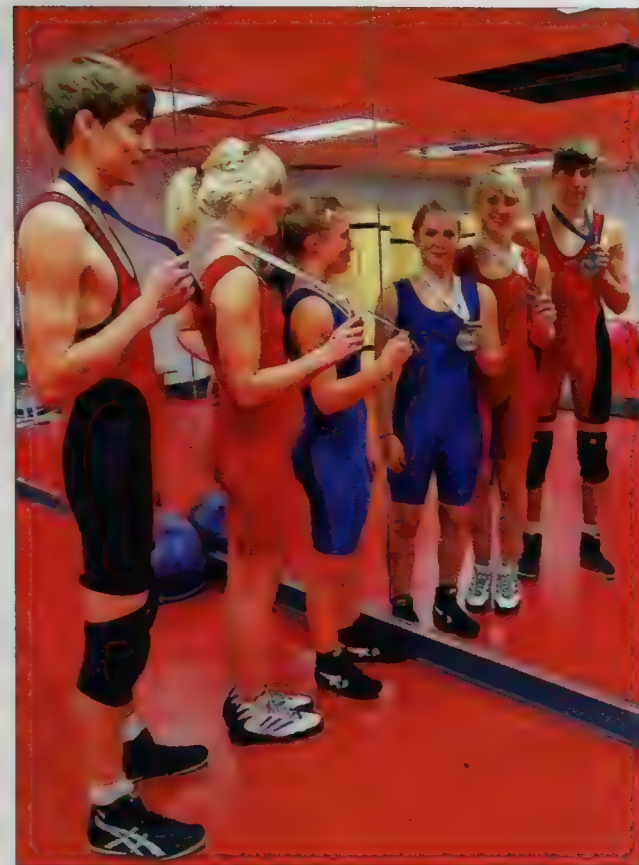
Because the trip is not associated with the high school, the students are hoping to raise some funds to help finance this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Carol Charlebois, Mikaela's mom, has set up an account at the high school.

"I would like to thank the coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler for helping these wrestlers get this far," said Charlebois.

"And an extra special thank you to Paul Klose for volunteering his time, energy and expertise in accompanying the wrestlers to nationals."

Charlebois said those wishing to make a donation in support of the three wrestlers can send cash or a cheque



Off to Fredericton, New Brunswick on April 1 to compete in the wrestling national wrestling championships are, from left, Zane Zondervan, Mikaela Charlebois, and Tara O'Sullivan.

to the high school. Cheques are to be made payable to HHSS, "re: wrestling nationals" on the memo section of the cheque.

For more information or for any further questions please call Carol Charlebois at 489-3721.



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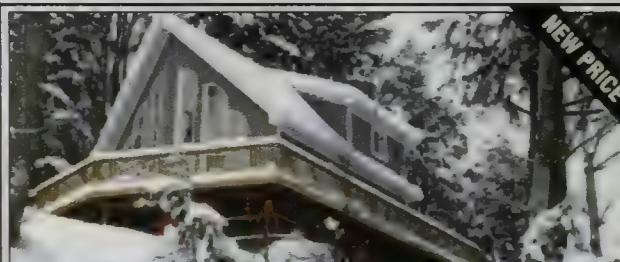
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A perfect season comes to an end

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Tavistock Titans ran the scoring gamut against Highland Storm PeeWees in the semi-finals of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, bringing an end to an otherwise perfect season for the Storm.

After splitting the first two games of the best-three-out-of-five series, the Storm hoped to win the series at home and ride off in the sunset with a berth at the all-Ontario finals.

However, game three on March 6 in Minden was a 3-2 win for the Titans, giving them a 2-1 series lead. The next day the Storm faced a do-or-die situation.

And the team showed the same courage and fight they did all season long in game four in front of a packed S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena crowd.

Despite being down 3-0 with just two minutes left in their playdown lives, the Storm never gave up and scored one to spoil a Titans shutout.

"They're wonderful kids," says head coach Jamie Dollo. "They must have great parents. It was a pleasure to be around them and they made top four in Ontario. That's quite an accomplishment for them."

"They grew well as a group," he added. "They're a resilient bunch and always came together when the chips came down."

But the somewhat early exit was tough on the team. The Storm had an astounding 17-0-1 record throughout the regular season with 129 goals scored in 18 games, which equates to an average of more than seven goals per game.

At the other end of the rink, goaltenders Brayden Frost and Jordan Hamilton, who had equal time minding the twine, had only 31 scored against them all season. This

Matt James/TIMES



Tyler Barry tries to poke a puck away from a Titans player on Saturday. Tyler scored the Storm's lone goal in the season-ending loss.

equates to a 1.72 goals against average on the year.

In addition, Brayden and Jordan let in 16 fewer goals than the second-best team in their division and a whopping 83 fewer goals than the last-place team in the division.

"We had two great goaltenders. Both could be called upon at any time," said Dollo. "But that being said, with the commitment from the players in front of them too, our goal all year was to play great team defence and let the offence happen on its own. The kids chipped into that and it made them successful."

Two years ago Dollo coached many of the same players when they were Atoms. They were deep into playdowns but were blown away in the final series.

"I think we learned a lot from a couple of years ago because even though we were put out this year we were there right until the finish," said Dollo. "It was tight. It's tough when you lose those tight ones because then you know how

close you were."

With the end of the season Dollo wished to thank the entire PeeWee coaching staff, which includes assistant coaches Glenn Hall and Rod Sisson, manager Bill Frost, and trainer John Fedeski.

Dollo said the bond between the coaching staff certainly made things easy for everyone involved.

And of the players he said: "Being a coach is one thing but these kids bring a lot to the table on their own. They make it so easy, they know what they're doing and they're a wonderful gang to be with. Those kids I hope are friends for life now."

Correction: In last week's article She's just one of the boys about Julia Fedeski and the Highland Storm it was written that Julia won an MVP of a game with the Storm. However, that MVP was won with Julia's all-girls team in a tournament in Quebec City in 2007.

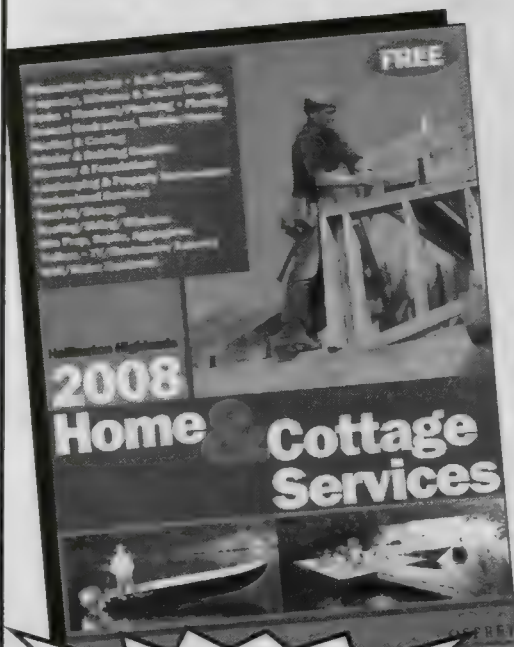
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Unofficial winners of the Pierre Cardin Best Dressed award, the Elmira team, from left: Todd Wilson, Brian Blaxall, Lance Crawford and skip Bob Clark. (It is rumoured that Todd Wilson has his own design consultant at ValuVillage.)

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Colliver team rocks bonspeil

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

Last month 96 curlers from Elmira, Haliburton, Lindsay, Oshawa, Ottawa, Port Perry, Scarborough, Sudbury, Toronto, Waterloo, Whitby and of course, Minden, converged on the Minden Curling Club

to compete in the 25th annual Rockbuster Men's Open Bonspiel.

You could feel the electricity of excitement in the air as the 24 teams renewed acquaintances and met new team members while they eagerly awaited the start of this curling extravaganza.

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B Event winners, from left: Larry Goreski, Steve Robson, Jack Taylor and skip Norton Garry.



A Event winners and overall winners of the 25th Rockbuster, from left: Doug Price, Don Summers, Brent Colliver and skip Steve Colliver.



C Event winners, from left: John Cowan, Keven McConnell, Gary McConnell and skip John Sievers.

Team Colliver has been to all 25 Rockbusters

from page 16

The camaraderie among the players, the laughter, the raffles, the steak rolls, the lemon chicken on a bun, the pulled pork sandwiches, the peameal bacon on a bun with tons of fried onions, the four-course breakfast and the Saturday evening prime rib feast as well as the great curling competition are the reasons why this event is so well attended.

Many teams and players have participated in the Rockbuster for years, but the record goes to the Colliver team who has been in all 25 Rockbuster spiels, curling with their dad in the early years, and have been the spiel winners five times, including this year again.

All teams start on an equal footing and then according to wins and losses, teams are slotted into A, B, C and D events. All teams are guaranteed three games, and a loss in the third game or thereafter results in elimination.

Congratulations, again, to the Lindsay team skipped by Steve Colliver and team members Brent Colliver, Don Summers and Doug Price who are the winners of the A event and the overall winners of the 25th Annual Rockbuster.

The B event was captured by the team from Minden skipped by Norton Garry with team members, Jack Taylor,

Steve Robson and Larry Goreski.

The C event honours went to the team from Whitby skipped by John Sievers with team members John Cowan and father and son members Gary and Kevin McConnell. (Kevin came in from Ottawa to curl with the team).

The D event winners hail from Toronto and only curl together once a year at the Rockbuster. Skip, Cameron McKay provides lodging at his Bob Lake cottage for team members, Brian Boyle, George Czindl and Rob Austin.

Iain Kaye, convener of the Rockbuster, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the sponsors of the Rockbuster, namely: Prentice Power Sports, Minden Subaru, Garbutt Disposal and Dollo's IGA and everyone who donated items for the raffle. Cal Kennedy's team from Port Perry was the winner of the team entry fee for next year's Rockbuster donated by the Collivers to commemorate their 25 years.

In his closing remarks, Kaye expressed his appreciation to all the 25 volunteers whose tireless time and efforts contributed to the overall success of this event and finally to all the curlers without whom there would not be a Rockbuster.

The 2010 Rockbuster will be held the weekend of February 19 to 21. Put it on your calendar.



D Event winners, from left: Brian Boyle, George Czindl, skip Cameron McKay and Rob Austin.

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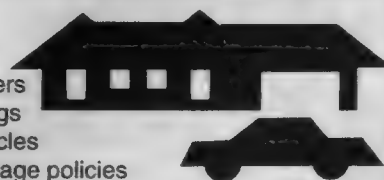
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Officers stopped the vehicle near Newcastle Street in Minden shortly before 11 a.m. An officer had conversation with the driver who later failed a roadside screening test and was arrested. The 39-year-old man from Scarborough was charged with driving with over 80mgs and possession for the purpose schedule 1 drug. A passenger in the vehicle, a 34-year-old Orillia woman, has also been charged with possession of marijuana and possession for the purpose schedule 1 Drug.

Both parties will be appearing in Minden court on May 6 in relation to the charges.

School board wants students to think green

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is encouraging its public school students to adopt more environmentally friendly mindsets with an earth summit at Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute on May 1.

The event is a conference-style one where each school will send a team of five to eight students to participate in conversations dealing with conservation, alternative energy, transportation, ecology, zoology and geology.

"Earth Summit 2009 is a fun-filled day of interactive environmental workshops for students from Grades 4 to 8 who are passionate about saving our planet," said Mariposa

Elementary School vice-principal Juli Harris in a recent press release.

On May 21, Huntsville High School will host an Eco Youth Summit that will involve keynote speakers and films on environmental issues.

"This is one initiative that has found its own fuel, and is gathering momentum as it goes," said the board's director of education, Kathy Verduyn, who introduced the program to the school board in 2007.

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The campaign will see "Share the Road" signs along key cycling routes, awareness-raising in the media, and workshops for cyclists across the county.

The county will also hold a Commuter Challenge to encourage residents to give biking to work a try.

The county will receive \$31,725 for the project through the Ontario Transportation Demand Management Municipal Grant Program. It was created to support municipal programs that help reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions by making it more attractive to use alternatives to driving alone. Forty-five applications were received for the grants and 13 were approved.

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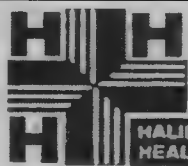


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Cousin Margo, recently retired from many years as a primary grade teacher in London, Ontario, always cautioned her new arrivals that "whining is unappealing." Everytime when tempted to complain again about these time changes I remember her words of wisdom. Here at the old farmhouse all inhabitants, both two- and four-legged, are feeling the effects particularly related to meal schedules. Moving out west to Saskatchewan is not a viable option and I must confess that blaming the "time change lag" was a handy excuse for declining small Ben's invitation to go snowboarding with him last Sunday afternoon.

Once again here is a call out to all Irish folks and those that wish they were. Mark your calendars now for the Kinmount United Church Women's Irish stew dinner and loonie auction, including delicious beef stew, biscuits, salads and many dessert choices, coming up on Friday, March 20 at the Kinmount Community Centre beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 488-2129.

The official "kick off" to Kinmount's

150th anniversary, complete with refreshments, will be on April 1 at 11 a.m. beside the Canada Post office on Main Street. Why that particular date and location? This date marks the anniversary of the opening of Kinmount's first post office back in 1859 which provided recognition of its new town status. In order to assist with the costs of additional events there will be a Kinmount connection-spaghetti dinner and loonie auction on Saturday, April 4 at the Kinmount Legion. Items auctioned will have a Kinmount connection. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered by calling Lynne at 488-2919, Bruce at 488-2938 or other members of the planning committee. Space is limited so be sure to call early.

Here is an update on the Kinmount sesquicentennial celebrations to date. The planning committee continues to meet regularly with its next session on March 17 at the community centre at 7 p.m.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Special events will be held during the week of July 24 through August 2 and the tentative list of activities under consideration includes a talent show, moonlight mania, garden gate tours, historical film festival, ghost tour, geocaching, music in the park, artist at the station, an outdoor church service in the park, a yard sale and to top

it off a dance at the community centre.

Many volunteers will be needed during this week so please give some thought as to how you can best participate. Various local groups are also celebrating anniversaries in 2009 and their events will provide additional highlights during the year. Be sure to watch for the *Kinmount Gazette* newsletter to be published every other week. It will not only provide updates but also historical information and photos of our Town.

At the Kinmount Artisans' Marketplace, located on the lower level of the community centre, there will be a craft session on Thursday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon hosted by the Kinmount United Church Women.

Everyone is welcome to bring along a project to work on in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. For more information call Pauline at 488-2220. At the marketplace look for samples of a new paper craft used in some of member Louise Berry's handmade cards. "Iris Folding" is a fun and easy way to recycle papers to decorate cards, scrapbook pages and other projects.

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Capturing memories

On Saturday, February 7, the Minden and District Horticultural Society held its annual potluck lunch at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Minden.

The speaker was Louise Docherty who showed the group how to make wonderful memories through scrapbooking.

The next item on the group's agenda is Canada Blooms on March 18. The society is looking forward to another great year of gardening.

Submitted by Susan Sheehan

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Hyland Crest dresses up winter

Hyland Crest residents and their guests gathered in the dining room at the seniors' home last month for an annual formal dinner and fundraiser. The theme was a beautiful winter wonderland, with many of the decorations made by the residents.

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New book celebrates Carnarvon ski club



STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson
489-1397

pinereflections@sympatico.ca

Congratulations to Fred Gregory on publishing his booklet on the Carnarvon Ski Club. For those of us that weren't around the early sixties this is a must-read.

It details Fred's plans to implement winter business in an area that was traditionally a summer destination.

Included in this historical booklet are pictures collected from the archives.

This is all I am going to tell you because I want you to buy a copy and read for yourself the why, the where and what happened.

Some copies are available at the Sir Sam's Ski Hill and of course, some will be in Pine Reflections. There are only a limited number published so get yours soon.

We are all so busy doing our own thing that sometimes we don't notice the comings and goings of our own neighborhood. Such is the case when I met Paul Suranyi, the new owner of the Highland Motel.

Now you might say that I am not doing my job because I should of being aware of this new venture a while back. Well, nevermind, here it is now.

So meet Dora and Paul Suranyi. Paul was an industrial engineer in charge of quality control in the manufacture of cylinder heads for Caterpillar truck and marine engines. Dora was an accountant for Ernst & Young specializing in international taxation.

Raising two children and both working extensive hours drove them to the life-changing decision to look into buy-



This brave skier takes a chilly-looking trip at the Carnarvon Ski Club in 1963.

ing a motel so that they could spend more hours together as a family.

Paul had flown to B.C. to look at a motel in Radium Hotspring, but was drawn to the Highlands Motel instead.

Since they took over the resort they have been busy, especially during the winter months renovating all the rooms. They see a great potential in the place and are most certainly enjoying the scenery.

Dora and Paul's phone number is 489-3111 and they have a website for you to check out as well at www.highlandsmotel.com.

Welcome to our neck of the woods!

The next date for the Stanhope Kid's Club is Friday, March 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Stanhope Community Hall on North Shore Rd.

The planned activity for this evening is shuffleboard with the cost being \$1 per child; ages six to 12.

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Parents should get children signed up for Stanhope soccer

from page 22

It is definitely a sign of spring when the Stanhope soccer league advertises its registration night! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 17, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 per child which includes t-shirts, team photo and the end of season. Soccer starts on Tuesday, June 16, and runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday night for 10 weeks.

There is an important note here that a child is not registered until a form is signed by the parent or legal guardian and payment is received. They will not accept forms signed by anyone other than the parent or legal guardian. If you wish to volunteer, they are still looking for coaches, student coaches, snack bar helpers and helpers for the end of the season.

The 6th annual Ukrainian Easter egg workshop with Ginger Kulas takes place Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Club 35 on Hwy. 35, Halls Lake. Ginger shares Ukrainian heritage and the meaning behind the eggs and their symbols. Participants will learn how to use beeswax, dyes, a kistka and the resist method to create traditional pysanky. There will be a

charge of \$5 per person with the minimum age requirement of 10. All materials are supplied. Registration is required by March 25 by calling 705-766-9968.

In you require more information on these events please contact them at 705-766-9968 or drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

There is a worthy cause coming up 8 p.m. March 21.. An organization, Places for People, is committed to the development of affordable, rental housing in Haliburton County.

They have planned a fun night with Rodney Brown as their guest at the Dominion Hotel in Minden with proceeds going to Places for People. Rodney has just launched his new CD "North Land" at Hugh's Room in Toronto.

Rodney has 10 albums and 30 years of performing his tunes across Canada and the UK. He is an award winning singer-songwriter who details the unique history of Northwest Ontario. Rodney's songs are filled with "adventure and risk, triumph and heartbreak".

Read about Rodney Brown on his web page www.rodneybrown.ca.

Advance tickets are available at the Dominion Hotel but are also available at the door.

The 10th annual Allan Thomas Memorial Fishing Derby turned out to be a successful day. Seventy-eight people attended, raising good cash prizes for the top three competitors.

In first place was Audrey Carter whose lake trout weighed in at 8.1 lbs. Second was Gord Hannay with 4.4 lbs. and third place was Chris Little with his fish weighing 4.1 lbs.

Thanks to Scot Carpenter for organizing

the day, going as far as bringing in his barbecue for everyone to share.

Special thanks to Krista's Bait 'n' Bites and Ann and Brad Archer, owners of the Millpond Restaurant, for donating draw prizes.

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There will be a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, March 11. For more information or to book an appointment, give Joy a call at 705-766-1418.

The free ride is almost over. Computer and internet lessons at the Dorset Recreation Centre are entering their final lap.

If you want to take advantage of one on one assistance – ask any questions – any questions at all, please call Sarah at 705-766-9968.

Sarah can help with email, scanning, digital photography, MP3 players, Face Book, eBay or Kijiji, building a web page or site, word processing, creating an effective poster and more.

Computer “and more” help is available Mondays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and this program ends on Wednesday, April 1.

There is a Dorset community policing meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17

at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and if you would like more information about this great group, give Marlene a call at 705-766-2409, Sheridan at 705-766-9153 or Doug at 705-766-9716.

And here is an early Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish blessing: May God give you... For every storm, a rainbow, For every tear, a smile, For every care, a promise, And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share, For every sigh, a sweet song, And an answer for each prayer.

Enjoy your day of being Irish and don't forget to wear the green!

Special birthday wishes for the week of March 8 to 14 go out to Mel Bartman, Annette Schumacher, Sherry McLennan and Trudy Frecker. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Minden Lionesses donate to HHHSF

Kelly Moore, back left, along with Greg and Janet Readman of the Minden Lioness Club presented Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush and health services foundation executive director Dale Walker with a cheque for \$700 last week. The club raised the money through its annual Bed Pan Blitz and Walker said the funds will go towards a stationary ceiling lift at one of HHHS's facilities.

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Coming Events

Stanhope Soccer League Registration



Tuesday, March 17, 2009

from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

and



Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

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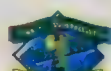
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- March 13: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 Birthday and Anniversary Pot Luck Celebration - Starting at 7 p.m. Jam Session to follow at 8 p.m. All Welcomed to attend.
- March 16: This March Break visit your local Library Branch for some reading fun - From March 16 - 21 for every book a child reads to an adult, or vice versa, they receive a colouring sheet. Detach the ballot on the bottom of the colouring sheet and enter to win a children's book. There's one prize per library branch but you can enter as often as you wish.
- March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce - From 9:30 a.m. - noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- March 20: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 24: Have you had enough of winter? Join the Minden OEYC and go to the sunny south in March and learn to Hula dance and limbo! - Have fun dressing up as Hula dancers or sailing on the pirate ship. Please sign up for our Hawaiian Luau on the March 24. For more information please call 286-1770.
- March 25: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.
- April 4: MapleFest - All you can eat pancake/sausage brunch and bake sale from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Lochlin United Church, Lochlin Rd, off Gelert Rd (County Rd !) The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple Syrup of course!
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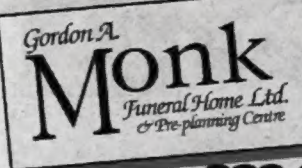
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84, passed away Thursday, February 19, 2009 at Harbour View Haven Home for Special Care, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Born in Oderin, Germany, Friedel was the daughter of the late Max and Hedwig Kuhring. She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Heinz Stuempel, and a brother and sister in Germany. Friedel is survived by her sons, Jack and his partner, Maria, of Victoria, BC and Peter and his wife Lea of Chester, Nova Scotia. She was the much loved Grandmother to Michael (Hiromi) of Tokyo, Japan and Tim (Becky) of Ottawa, and Oma (Great-Granny) to Kyle and Jaye (Tokyo) and Piper and Phoenix (Ottawa). For many years, Friedel and Heinz operated the "We Doze But Never Close" General Store in Minden. A memorial service will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 1:00 pm at Trinity United Church Mahone Bay with Rev. Ruth Brown officiating. Interment will take place at a later date in Germany.

In memoriam

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
Teresa Jennifer Kasechuk
who passed away on March 12, 2008

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For part of us went with you.
The day God called you home.

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Card of Thanks - Joan Morrison

The Morrison Clan wishes to offer our heartfelt thanks to Haliburton County for the wonderful gifts of love, phone calls, cards and donations in Joan Morrison's memory.

To everyone at Extendicare, you will always be our "Angels on Earth" for your loving, tender care of Joanie. To Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Kristy Gammon, a very special thank you for your dedicated, professional care.

I would personally like to thank my friends at Community Care, fellow Board members and dedicated volunteers for their kind words, understanding and special efforts in making the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament so enjoyable for me at a difficult time.

To Rev. Richard Starks, Parish Priest at St. Anthony Catholic Church, the wonderful ladies of the CWL, who, together with Dwaine and Lori Lloyd of Haliburton Community Funeral Home, arranged Joan's funeral with reverence and understanding of our family's wishes.

Thank you, God for welcoming Joan into Heaven with loving open arms. As You promised her, she is now at peace, free to love and be with her son Perry and free of Alzheimer's forever.

God also blessed our daughter Joanne, who on the day of her mom's funeral delivered a healthy, nine pound son, Tayton Perry Gray. We all felt extremely blessed by having this new life join our family.

To the Community of Haliburton County, as Joan would say
"God Bless and keep you all safe"

Scotty Morrison & Family



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**\$189,900****NEW LISTING**

This lg home is set on a gorgeous 2 acre lot which is private, well treed & located close to Minden. The building offers lots of space for the whole family including 4 bdrms, 3 baths, lg family rm, & a nice new kitchen. Furnace & oil tank recently installed new & the garage/shop is insulated. Top all this off with deeded access to Canning Lake. Call Denise LeBlanc

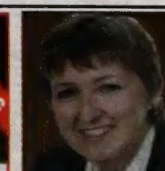
\$49,900**TWO BEDROOM HOME HUNTER CREEK ESTATES**

Nice cozy home in Hunter Creek just mins. south of Minden. Two large bedrooms and an open kitchen, dining & living rooms quite sunny and bright with a nice front porch. Located in a quiet friendly neighbourhood on a large corner lot. On leased land including snow & garbage removal. Call Denise LeBlanc

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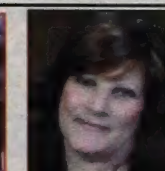
2 km east of Kinmount. 3.61 acres, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 sunrooms, lovely upgrades, oak kitchen. Call to view

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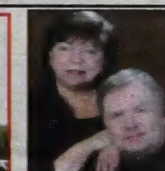

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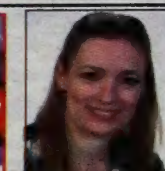
Lovely home on Oliver Cres. Year round access. Level lot and sandy beach. Big rooms and huge kitchen with a separate formal dining room. Sauna off the family room in the walkout basement which has been finished. Attached garage. Huge deck overlooking the lake for great BBQ's and back yard get togethers. Call Tom & Gail Tempest


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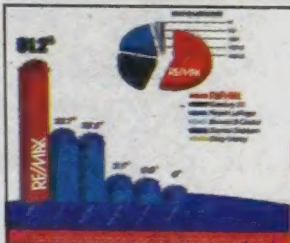
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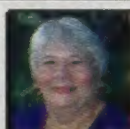
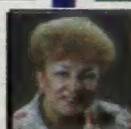
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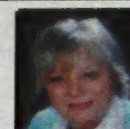
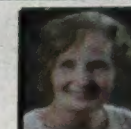
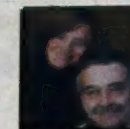

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